

Contacts for the Blue Grass Chemical Weapons Destruction Program

A Partnership for Safe Chemical Weapons Destruction

Information

The following is a summary of key program partners and their roles and missions in the shared goal to safely and effectively destroy the chemical weapons stockpile at the Blue Grass Army Depot.

Blue Grass Army Depot

The Blue Grass Army Depot, known as BGAD, is a 15,000-acre facility that safeguards a ready supply of conventional munitions and provides chemical defense equipment and special operations support to the U.S. Department of Defense. Chemical weapons have been stored on the depot since 1944. Col. Martin A. Jacoby is the depot commander.

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Blue Grass Chemical Activity

Blue Grass Chemical Activity, or BGCA, is responsible for the safe storage of the chemical weapons stockpile—blister agent in projectiles and nerve agent in projectiles and rockets—stored at the depot. It is a tenant organization at BGAD, reporting to the Chemical Materials Agency at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. Lt. Col. George Shuplinkov is the activity commander.

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Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass

Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass is the systems contractor selected by Program Manager Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives (PMACWA) to design, build, test, operate and close the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant. The project is currently in the design phase. Subsequent phases will include construction, systemization, pilot testing, operations and closure.

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Blue Grass Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office

The Blue Grass Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office works with the surrounding communities to inform stakeholders about the chemical weapons destruction program. The office works closely with the Blue Grass Army Depot, Blue Grass Chemical Activity, emergency preparedness agencies, elected officials, community groups, individual citizens and others to ensure a comprehensive public outreach and involvement program.

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Chemical Destruction Community Advisory Board

The Chemical Destruction Community Advisory Board, or CDCAB, is comprised of diverse representatives of the local community who have been organized to provide advice and citizen input on issues regarding the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant. The board meets quarterly.

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Kentucky Chemical Demilitarization Citizens' Advisory Commission

The Kentucky Citizens' Advisory Commission, or CAC, serves as a link between the Blue Grass community and the Army by providing a forum for exchanging information about chemical weapons disposal. The CAC is a governor-appointed committee that includes private citizens who provide a local perspective to ensure the public plays an active role in the disposal program.

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Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection

The Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection's mission is to protect and enhance Kentucky's environment. The department will oversee the permitting process and final permit approval of the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant. Additionally, the department is actively involved in the Environmental Working Integrated Process Team to expedite the permitting process.

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Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program

The Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program, or CSEPP (cee-sep), is a joint Army/Federal Emergency Management Agency program, which involves Clark, Estill, Fayette, Garrard, Jackson, Laurel, Madison, Powell and Rockcastle counties and the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management in Frankfort. Kentucky's CSEPP has received federal funding to enhance the emergency preparedness of the state, affected counties and cities. This funding has been used for equipment, personnel, training and public awareness.

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Program Manager Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives

The Program Manager Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives (PMACWA) was established to demonstrate alternative technologies to baseline incineration for the destruction of assembled chemical weapons. Additionally, a public law signed Oct. 23, 2002, assigns PMACWA responsibility for the destruction of the chemical weapons stockpiles stored at the Blue Grass Army Depot in Kentucky and the Pueblo Chemical Depot in Colorado. PMACWA is headquartered in Aberdeen Proving Ground. Md.

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